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MACCANI, )  
Plaintiff, )  
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vs. )  
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CITY OF L.A., )  
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Defendant. )  
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Transcription of tape-recorded interview of  
Police Officer II Gabriel Quintero, by Detective Cheng,  
Detective Frausto, and Detective Yoon

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1 -- the primary unit. And then we saw, um, the PR come out  
2 and just guide us, like, "Hey, this is the -- the location."  
3 And then that's when we had our other units come with us.  
4 And that's when we went up top.

5 DETECTIVE CHENG: So at that time, um, what do you  
6 remember the PR said to you guys?

7 OFFICER QUINTERO: From what I recall, the PR was  
8 stating that, you know, this guy just entered. He was  
9 saying all "it --it's the end of the world," you know, "It's  
10 the end. We need to leave." Acting very erratic. And, um  
11 --

12 DETECTIVE CHENG: Is that at the door of the location?  
13 So we're at that point, like when you guys first initially  
14 arrived.

15 OFFICER QUINTERO: So he -- he briefly describes the  
16 situation there, and then once we get to, like, the -- the  
17 third floor --

18 DETECTIVE CHENG: Third floor?

19 OFFICER QUINTERO: -- I think it was --

20 DETECTIVE CHENG: Uh-huh.

21 OFFICER QUINTERO: That's when we got into detail of  
22 what was going on, which was that. And then, also  
23 describing what weapons he had, like, surrounding him, and  
24 everything like that.

25 So, um, the only weapons that he brought up to us that

1 the -- the room. Until we cleared it all.

2 DETECTIVE CHENG: Yeah. Okay. So when you were  
3 clearing the room, how were you holding your weapon?

4 OFFICER QUINTERO: At the low ready, with my finger on  
5 the side.

6 DETECTIVE CHENG: On the --

7 OFFICER QUINTERO: On the side.

8 DETECTIVE CHENG: -- side of the frame.

9 OFFICER QUINTERO: Yeah.

10 DETECTIVE CHENG: Okay. And then once you and your  
11 team finished clearing the location, um, now you're back in  
12 the hallway. Did you see any -- did you see the object that  
13 the suspect was holding?

14 OFFICER QUINTERO: So based off what I saw, the white,  
15 um, portion, um, I noticed that it -- that handle, pretty  
16 much, it belonged to a plastic fork. That -- that's what I  
17 believed was in the person's hand. In the suspect's hand.

18 DETECTIVE CHENG: And where was this fork when you saw  
19 it again?

20 OFFICER QUINTERO: It was on the floor off to the side.

21 DETECTIVE CHENG: Did you let anybody know that it was  
22 there?

23 OFFICER QUINTERO: I -- I was notifying, um, Officer  
24 Chomuk, because he was saying that there was a screwdriver.  
25 I believed it was a -- a -- a fork. I didn't see what he

1 had in the other hand, so I'm not sure if Officer Chomuk saw  
2 something different from what I saw.

3 DETECTIVE CHENG: Uh-huh.

4 OFFICER QUINTERO: So I was canvassing also for  
5 screwdriver.

6 DETECTIVE CHENG: Okay.

7 OFFICER QUINTERO: I didn't find anything. But that  
8 fork, I notified Officer Chomuk.

9 DETECTIVE CHENG: Okay.

10 OFFICER QUINTERO: And whoever else was around.

11 DETECTIVE CHENG: Okay. That's good. Besides the  
12 fork, did you, um -- did you discover any other evidence in  
13 that location?

14 OFFICER QUINTERO: No. Just the fork.

15 DETECTIVE CHENG: Okay. When you were clearing the  
16 room -- now we're inside the room of 402 -- did you ever see  
17 any knives and scissors in the room?

18 OFFICER QUINTERO: Not that I recall. I don't  
19 remember.

20 DETECTIVE CHENG: Okay. And did you notice any injury  
21 on the suspect when they were doing, um -- rendering medical  
22 aid?

23 OFFICER QUINTERO: No. I didn't see the -- the  
24 injuries. I just saw, like, a little bit of blood here and  
25 there, but not -- no injuries.

1 OFFICER QUINTERO: No.

2 DETECTIVE CHENG: Okay. After clearing the location,  
3 did you collect any FIs?

4 OFFICER QUINTERO: No.

5 DETECTIVE CHENG: Did you canvas the location?

6 OFFICER QUINTERO: I -- I canvassed for a screwdriver.  
7 From what my -- one of the other officers stated that they  
8 observed. Met with negative results.

9 DETECTIVE CHENG: Uh-huh.

10 OFFICER QUINTERO: And --

11 DETECTIVE CHENG: Did you canvas for -- when is this?

12 OFFICER QUINTERO: I -- I canvassed -- like the -- the  
13 other hallway. Like, the restrooms and everything, to see  
14 if anyone else was in there. Not necessarily for witnesses,  
15 but just to clear the -- the area.

16 DETECTIVE CHENG: Uh-huh.

17 OFFICER QUINTERO: But, I mean, when we were conducting  
18 the building search the -- from the room, I was also looking  
19 for victims, wits, or anything like that.

20 DETECTIVE CHENG: Okay. And what were the results?

21 OFFICER QUINTERO: Negative results.

22 DETECTIVE CHENG: Okay. And just to clarify, um, you  
23 said Sergeant Trejo? Was he in plain clothes?

24 OFFICER QUINTERO: No, he was in uniform.

25 DETECTIVE CHENG: Uniform. Okay. And, um, when you

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